

## NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ASSOCIATION

### Call for Nominations for the All-American Parliamentary Debate Team

**\*\*\*For questions about the NPDA All-American team, contact the Vice-President of the National Parliamentary Debate Association.**

**Rationale:** This award is designed with the intent to recognize students beyond the area of competition. While achievement in the forensic activity is taken into account, equal weight should be given to scholarship and service. This award should serve as a crowning touch to those seniors who have demonstrated outstanding qualities in all three areas.

**General Qualifications for Nomination:** Nominees should have demonstrated personal qualities that show their understanding of the role of intercollegiate forensic competition in a liberal education. They should show evidence of success and good conduct in the forensic activity, excellence in their classroom studies as evidenced not only by grade-point average, but also by the range and challenge of study and show a commitment to the betterment of their community through their forensic and non-forensic activities.

#### **Specific Criteria for Nomination:**

- The nominee must be designated as a senior at their four-year institution (or in their last year of competition at a 2-year school) and attending their last NPDA as a competitor.
- The nominee must be competing at the NPDA during the year they are nominated.
- The nominee must have a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA in their college coursework. The nomination must include an unofficial copy of the student's college transcript of grades.
- The nominee must provide documentation of parliamentary debate success including a resume of awards earned during the nominee's forensic competition. Also, there should be letters of support that convey the value the individual has added to the NPDA community in general such as mentoring, good sportsmanship, etc.
- The nominee must provide documentation of service work. This can include forensic related service. Service outside of the forensics community will also be a significant criterion. Non-forensic service venues may include the community, civic organizations, the school, etc. The nomination must include a letter of support that addresses the student's work in providing community service to their university and the community at large.

**Nomination Process:** Nominations must come from a program director/coach and be submitted to the District Chair or the NPDA Vice President, who serves as the committee chair. District Chairs will inform member schools of deadlines for submission. Each District Committee will select one recipient from their respective district as the automatic recipient, and forward up to three additional nominations from their district to the Chair of the Selection Committee (the NPDA Vice-President). A school can submit at most two nominations to their district, but only one nomination from each school can be forwarded to the National Chair of the All-American Team Selection Committee. There will be at least one recipient from each of the NPDA districts who submit nominees and at-large recipients who may come from any district.

**All-American Parliamentary Debate Team Nomination**  
(submit to your district chair)

Full Name Of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

University/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Director/Coach of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address of Director/Coach:

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Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments (nominations will not be considered unless the application materials are complete)**

Copy of College Transcript

Resume of Forensics Awards (limit two pages)

Resume of Service (limit two pages)

Letters of Support (no more than three letters, including letter from a director/coach)

Questions about the nomination process should be directed to your district chair.